

Electronic Payment Options for Businesses

These days, you probably rely on computer technology in one way or another to run your business, and may have discovered the benefits of filing your taxes electronically. Why not take the next logical step, and pay your taxes electronically? It's safe, easy, convenient and free. It is available from home or office 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) allows business taxpayers to initiate all Federal tax payments electronically, including employment, income, estimated and excise taxes, and it's free from the U.S. Department of Treasury. No special equipment is required to use EFTPS. Electronic payments can be made using the Internet, personal computer (PC) software or by telephone.

As an added convenience, EFTPS offers payment scheduling. Businesses may schedule payment instructions for up to 120 days in advance of the tax due date, and EFTPS will automatically make your payments on the due date you indicate. Payroll processors and tax professionals will find added convenience through two additional options:

- *EFTPS Batch Provider* – can send up to 750 payments in one transmission
- *EFTPS Bulk Provider* – for frequent payments; up to 1,000 payment records associated with a single debit or *Fedwire* transaction

Note: If your business made depository tax payments of more than \$200,000 in 2001, you must use EFTPS for all your Federal business tax payments made after January 1, 2003. This applies to any tax deposit obligations incurred on or after January 1, 2003.

To participate in EFTPS you must first enroll. To enroll, visit our Web site at www.eftps.gov or call EFTPS Customer Service at 1-800-555-4477 or 1-800-945-8400; or 1-800-945-8900 or 1-800-733-4829 (*TDD Hearing Impaired*); or 1-800-945-8600 or 1-800-244-4829 (*Espanol*) for an enrollment form or additional information. Some of the Forms and Publications available at www.irs.gov will provide you with additional information about all available electronic payment options.